



WFP South Sudan Situation Report #267

In Numbers

- 6.01 million** people facing acute food insecurity from February to April 2020 ([IPC](#))
- 1.7 million** acutely malnourished women and children ([IPC](#))
- 1.57 million** people assisted by WFP in February 2020
- 1.47 million** internally displaced people ([OCHA](#))
- 2.2 million** South Sudanese refugees ([UNHCR](#))
- 188,528** seeking shelter with the UN ([UNMISS](#))

Highlights

- South Sudan confirms four cases of COVID-19, three in Juba, Central Equatoria State, and one in Torit, Eastern Equatoria State. The Government of South Sudan, with support from the international community, continues to take measures to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Double food distributions, as a transmission reduction measure, have been completed in all refugee camps and Protection of Civilian (PoC) sites.
- WFP needs a total of USD 142 million to cater for new needs and cover additional operational costs associated with adapting to COVID-19.

People assisted

February 2020



Global Humanitarian Funding 2019

Overall:
USD 1.5 billion
WFP share:
USD 660 million

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements

(April - September '20) **199.8**

Strategic Outcome 1

Food-insecure women, men and children in crisis-affected areas have access to safe and nutritious food

169.1

Strategic Outcome 2

People at risk of malnutrition in crisis affected areas, specially young children and pregnant and lactating women, are able to meet their basic nutrition requirements all year round

1.4

Strategic Outcome 3

Food-insecure smallholders and communities in non-conflict zones have enhanced livelihoods and resilience to seasonal climate shocks throughout the year

20.9

Strategic Outcome 4

The humanitarian community has access to reliable common

8.4



COVID-19 Update

- On 5 April, the Government of South Sudan announced that a UN staff member in Juba tested positive for COVID-19, marking the first case of COVID-19 to be reported in the country. As at 17 April, a further three cases have been reported since, two in Juba, Central Equatoria State, and one in Torit, Eastern Equatoria State. The UN is working closely with the Government on prevention and preparedness in the country.
- The UN has previously imposed a travel freeze on all staff travelling into the country and enforced social distancing rules and frequent hand washing by all personnel. The UN's priority is to protect the people of South Sudan and UN staff who are here to serve. The UN will make every effort to continue its activities to protect civilians, provide humanitarian assistance, build peace and support development. The UN will also continue to support national-led COVID-19 prevention and preparedness efforts.
- WFP is implementing Programme Continuity measures with double distributions, as a transmission reduction measure, completed or ongoing across the country. Double food distributions have been completed for more than 800,000 beneficiaries across 25 locations including in all refugee camps and Protection of Civilian (PoC) sites. Double distributions are ongoing for 1.4 million beneficiaries across 26 locations and planned for a further 1.1 million beneficiaries in 38 locations throughout April.
- Directives for enhanced hygiene measures, use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by staff and enhanced crowd control measures have been developed and rolled out. WFP is supporting efforts to raise awareness about prevention measures, including frequent hand washing, social distancing, self-quarantine requirements and the avoidance of large gatherings to reduce the risk of transmission.
- On 13 April, the High-Level Taskforce on COVID-19 suspended all passenger internal flights within South Sudan, previously agreed exemptions for humanitarian cargo and passengers were expected to remain valid. UNHAS cargo flights have been able to continue as normal however passenger flights have been interrupted. WFP is engaging with national authorities to enable programme critical passenger movement.

- WFP is expediting delivery of food from the Northern, Southern and Eastern corridors to South Sudan. The border status is being closely monitored for any changes that may impact the crossings of trucks and barges. WFP is exploring new inland corridors such as Bentiu, Unity State, to Bor, Jonglei State, via Adok to increase delivery speed.
- As a result of travel and transport restrictions, within the country and cross-border, South Sudan markets are under significant stress, as evidenced by price increases. Major impacts have been observed on the price of maize grain, with the price of a 50 kg bag increasing by 36 percent in March. Purchasing power is decreasing, as both formal and informal employment have significantly reduced. The urban population will be particularly hard hit, as nearly all households rely on markets for the purchase of staple foods. In the absence of large-scale national safety nets, efforts are required to prevent already extremely vulnerable households from becoming absolutely destitute.
- WFP is providing food assistance to nearly 150,000 people across the capital, Juba. Initially meant to meet people's food needs, WFP now hopes the scheme will help cushion struggling families from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Known as the Juba Urban Programme, the initiative has been revamped to ensure compliance to COVID-19 preventative measures and serves multiple purposes. In addition to receiving cash or food, families gain new knowledge and skills in areas such as nutrition, hygiene, food handling and preservation.
- WFP needs an additional USD 85 million to cater for new needs. USD 80 million will cater for the additional urban caseload of an estimated 1.6 million people with 50,000 mt of food commodities, for a period of 3 months. Urban areas will likely be the epicentre of any COVID-19 outbreak, bringing a new wave of populations requiring assistance, not covered under WFP or any other large scale safety-net package. USD 5 million will be needed to support increased common services for the humanitarian community through the Logistics Cluster and UNHAS.
- WFP foresees additional operational costs associated with adapting to COVID-19 for a total of USD 57 million. This includes higher cash based transfers due to increased food prices, as well as the adjusted food distribution measures. WFP's supply chain also requires COVID-19 sensitive investments, and additional air operations. Operational costs for UNHAS will increase due to the need for professional aircraft cleaning, and a reduction in cost recovery as passengers' numbers decrease.



WFP Response

Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP and cooperating partners provided food and nutrition support to 97,200 people, including 19,400 children under 5, with 2,760 mt of assorted food items distributed in six counties of Akobo West, Ayod, Leer, Nyirol Panyijiar and Uror as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism (RRM) in the last two weeks.



Supply Chain

- As of 13 April 2020, 121,008 mt of food commodities, equivalent to 64 percent of the planned 190,530 mt, were prepositioned to areas that will be inaccessible during the rainy season. Cargo movement is ongoing.
- Further expanding river operations, WFP has added six boats to its fleet. Three boats each have been allocated to Bor, Jonglei State, and Malakal, Upper Nile State, field offices. Boat drivers/captains received specialized training to operate the boats. The boats arrived in Bor after being transported there by road, the three boats for Malakal are being prepared to be transported onwards by barge. The boats will be used to support WFP operations and assessments in locations close to the rivers.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- Over the reporting period, transport of 107 mt of Food Security, General Operations, General Program, Health, Logistics, Nutrition, Shelter and WASH cargo to 16 locations was facilitated on behalf of 9 organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the departure of an ad hoc convoy for UNICEF, enabling the transportation of approximately 160 mt of COVID-19 preparedness cargo to Kapoeta and Torit., Eastern Equatoria State.
- The most recent access maps can be found [here](#).



UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- UNHAS transported 911 passengers and 28.31 mt of light humanitarian cargo to 50 regular destinations across South Sudan.
- UNHAS performed three medical evacuations on behalf of three organizations from Mabior, Nyal, and Pibor.
- UNHAS performed one security evacuation on behalf of one organization from Mabior.

WFP Interim Country Strategic Plan

	Total Requirements (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD) *	6 Months Net Funding Requirements (in USD)	People Assisted (February 2020)	Female	Male
ICSP TOTAL (2018-2020)	2.97b	1,616.6	199.8	1,568,639	872,487	696,152
Activity 1 Provide nutrition-sensitive food assistance to crisis-affected populations Strategic Result 1: Access to food	1652.5	745.5	131.0	1,119,289	596,427	522,862
Activity 2 Provide food and nutrition assistance to refugees Strategic Result 1: Access to food	364.5	138.6	38.1	225,815	121,327	104,488
Activity 3 Provide nutrition assistance to populations at risk of malnutrition Strategic Result 2: End malnutrition	437.6	161.4	1.4	201,473	143,702	57,771
Activity 4 Provide livelihood support and build resilience of rural households Strategic Result 3: Smallholder Productivity and Income	213.5	68.5	20.9	22,062	11,031	11,031
Activity 5 Operate air services for the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	152.4	128.8	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 6 Coordinate the Logistics Cluster in support of the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	73.5	63.1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 7 Supply Chain provision Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	16.6	9.2	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 8 Inter-Agency IT Communication Service Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	7.0	5.3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 9 SCOPE Service to humanitarian partners Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	46.6	13.3	8.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Activity 10 Provision of IT services to the humanitarian community Strategic Result 8: Global Partnerships	1.3	0.0	0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Activity Specific funding	0.0	282.9				

Donors (2019, listed alphabetically)*

